

an estrogenic compound and a progestogenic compound derived from 19-nor-progesterone.--

Q --22. The method of claim ³⁴~~21~~ wherein the combination is administered continuously --

C --23. The method of claim ³⁴~~21~~ wherein the combination is administered intermittently.--

Q --24. The method of claim ³⁴~~21~~ wherein the estrogen is free or esterified estradiol or conjugated ^{equine}~~equine~~ estrogens.--

C --25. The method of claim ³⁴~~21~~ wherein the estrogen is an ester of estradiol.--

B --26. The method of claim ~~25~~ wherein the ester of estradiol is estradiol valerate.--

C --27. The method of claim ³⁴~~21~~ wherein the estrogenic compound of free or esterified estradiol or an ^{equine}~~equine~~ conjugated estrogen is administered at a dose ranging from 0.5 to 3 mg per unit dose.--

--28. The method of claim 27 wherein the free estradiol is administered at a dose of 1.5 mg pre unit dose.--

--29. The method of claim 27 wherein the ester of estradiol is administered at a dose of 2 mg per unit dosage.--

--30. The method of claim 27 wherein the conjugated equine estrogen is administered at a dose of 0.625 mg per unit dosage.--

C --31. The method of claim ³⁴~~21~~ wherein the progestative is nomegestrol acetate.--

C --32. The method of claim ³⁴~~21~~ wherein the nomegestrol acetate is administered at a dose ranging from 1.5 to 3.75 mg per unit dosage.--